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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 3738

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Docket: 26502-64723

Applicant: Enzerink et al.

Invention: **Graft Material Convenience Package**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 3, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. The Applicant believes that no additional fees are required with this response. If fees are required, it is respectfully requested that the fees be charged to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No.10-0435, with reference to our matter 26502-64723.

The office action mailed on January 3, 2001 required restriction of the 36 pending claims of the captioned application to one of 3 groups. The claim groups identified by the Examiner are as follows:

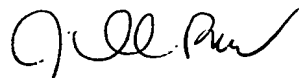
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- I. Claims 1-15, 35, 36, drawn to a graft ligament,
- II. Claims 16-28, drawn to a method of preparing graft material,
- III. Claim claims 29-34, drawn to a method of implanting a graft.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-15, 35, and 36, without traverse. Please cancel claims 16-34.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims and passage of the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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